

## **REMARKS**

The claims have been amended by deleting the “wherein” clause and including the substance of the “wherein” clauses in the body of the claims. These amendments did not further narrow the scope of the claims, and are only made in response to the examiner’s concern regarding the nature of wherein clauses generally, without conceding that the examiner’s position is correct.

Support for the present amendments to claims 1, 6 and 9 can be found, for example, on page 25, lines 6-10 of the specification as filed. Support for the present amendments to claims 3, 7 and 10 can be found, for example, on page 25, lines 13-16 of the specification as filed. See also, Figs. 11-15.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants believe that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The examiner should call applicants’ attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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